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1. LIN Piao is now living at Hsiyuan, Peiping.¹ His lung trouble is increasingly serious and he is under the care of four Soviet doctors, including Tabokov, a lung specialist. LIN is not allowed to talk to any visitor for more than 20 minutes, and his mistress visits him only during the day.
2. TENG Hua, commander of the 15 Army Group (AG), 4 Field Army, recently visited LIN Piao in Peiping.
3. TENG Hua returned to Canton on 3 May after his visit to LIN. Following a discussion with TENG on the question of transferring the 15 AG to Korea, LIN conferred with LIN Shao-chi and it was decided that two armies of the 15 AG would remain in the East River coastal area, while the remaining units would be sent north as reserves for Korea.²
4. LIN ordered TENG to return to Canton and make arrangements for implementing these plans, after which he was to return to Peiping. Matters concerning the 15 AG will be handled by deputy commander FANG Ch'iang (方强) and HSIAO Hsiang-yung (萧向英), political commissar and head of the Canton headquarters.

25X1X 1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to an untested informant in the Mukden area, on 15 April LIN Piao was still in the former Yamato Hotel (now the Railway Hotel) in Mukden and his condition had not improved. It was expected that he would be sent to Peiping for medical treatment within a few days and that his military duties would be taken over by a Soviet official.

25X1X 2. [REDACTED] Comment. This indicates that LIN Piao is still concerned with the disposition of the 4 Field Army, but as the meeting referred to must have taken place prior to or during the recent offensive in Korea, it may indicate that he is not in tactical command.

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